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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance having a mailing date of November 20, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14.